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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction/Election of Species requirement mailed March 13, 2003. A petition to extend the time of response from April 13, 2003 to September 13, 2003 is submitted herewith. The submission of this paper on Monday, September 15, 2003 is timely as September 13, 2003 fell on a Saturday. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.